

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7019  
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Carra Bright of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Thomas Carra Bright, a pharmacist, business owner, and exemplary public servant in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Carra Bright was a greatly beloved pharmacist and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for so many of his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, during his many years in practice, Mr. Bright earned the respect of his peers and patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Bright was born in Chattanooga on November 9, 1943 to parents, James Roderick and Margrett Dunn Bright; and

WHEREAS, majoring in biology, Thomas Bright attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and went on to graduate from the University of Tennessee at Memphis with a degree in Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Tom and his wife, Karen, also a pharmacist, opened Apple Discount Drugs in Clinton, a hometown drugstore that has become a fundamental and beloved part of this close-knit community; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Bright, who was a board member of the American Pharmacy Cooperative, also enjoyed boating, fishing, playing golf, and spending time with his loved ones; and

WHEREAS, his family and friends will remember not only Mr. Bright's quiet strength and tender heart, but also his compassionate nature, as he often helped those less fortunate than himself; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Bright was an active and devout member of Faith Promise Church of Knoxville, which he served faithfully as a small group leader holding Bible studies in his home; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his constancy of faith, Thomas Bright was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Bright was blessed with the loving companionship of his wife, Karen, and his loving memory will continue to inspire his daughters, Emily and Lauren Bright; son, Kevin Bright; daughter, Kellie Frazier and husband Tom; daughter, Becky Bright; step-daughter, Kristi Newton and husband Daniel; step-daughter, Lindsay George; granddaughter, Vivian Newton; brother, Don Bright and wife Judy; brother, Jim Bright and Maureen; and sister, Nancy Bright-Miller; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Carra Bright passed away after courageously battling leukemia; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Bright leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Carra Bright, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his great ability as a pharmacist, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Thomas Carra Bright.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.